



DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

CANNON BUILDING
861 SILVER LAKE BLVD., STE 203
DOVER, DELAWARE 19904-2467

TELEPHONE: (302) 744-4500
FAX: (302) 739-2711
WEBSITE: WWW.DPR.DELAWARE.GOV

DELAWARE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

JANUARY 13, 2005 MEETING

MINUTES AS APPROVED March 10, 2005

The Delaware Board of Dental Examiners held a meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Members present: Thomas W. Mercer, DMD, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Robert P. Marier, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Kimberly A. Hickman-Bowen, RDH, MA, Professional Member
Robert R. Hoopes, DDS, Professional Member
John M. Kirby, Public Member
Wanda G. Smith, DDS, Professional Member
Kimberly S. Vincent, Public Member
David S. Williams, DMD, Professional Member
Fay S. Rust, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Laura Leary, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Debora Mause, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member

Absent: William H. Daisey, Public Member

Also Present: Michael Tischer, Deputy Attorney General
Kay Warren, Deputy Director, Division of Professional Regulations
Dr. Gregory McClure, Delaware Division of Public Health
Melissa Wheatley, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Williams and seconded by Ms. Hickman-Bowen to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2004 meeting as submitted. The motion was unanimously carried.

SENATE BILL 229 – SUBSTANTIALLY-RELATED CRIMES

Mr. Tischer informed the Board that the notice of public hearing on crimes substantially related to the practice of dentistry and clarifying qualifications to take the Dental Examination will be published in the February Register of Regulations, and that the hearing will be held on March 10th, 2005 to receive public comments.

RECORDS RETENTION BILL

On behalf of the Dental Board, Dr. Mercer signed a letter supporting the dental records retention bill. Ms. Wheatley will forward the letter to James Collins, Director of the Division of Professional Regulation.

PRESENTATION BY FIRST CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL

Dale Gladden, the Director of Training and Accreditation at First Correctional Medical, gave a brief presentation to the Board on the difficulties that are faced finding Dentists willing to take the clinical examination in Delaware to work at correctional facilities. The Board stated that while it understood the plight of First Correctional Medical and organizations of the like, it is not within the power of the Board to waive the examination requirement.

CLARIFICATION OF DELAWARE CODE REGARDING DENTAL AUXILIARY PERSONNEL APPLYING SEALANTS

The Board discussed the Delaware Code and Rules and Regulations regarding the duties that can be assigned to Dental Assistants, specifically the applying of sealants. The Board voted five to three to take the position that Dental Assistants may not apply sealants per Delaware Code § 1101(8) which defines the practice of Dental Hygiene.

REPORT EXAMINATION SCORES

Scores from the January Dental Board Examination were reported. There were seven registered candidates. Five candidates passed the clinical exam, two candidates did not. One candidate must re-take the jurisprudence portion of the exam. Scores from the January Dental Hygiene Board Examination were reported. There was one registered candidate. That candidate did not pass the exam.

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ANESTHESIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO GRANT AN UNRESTRICTED ANESTHESIA PERMIT TO JAY BUZKIN, D.D.S.

Dr. Mercer reported that Dr. Giordano made a recommendation to approve Dr. Jay Buzkin for an Unrestricted Anesthesia Permit. Dr. Hoopes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hickman-Bowen, to accept the recommendation of the Anesthesia Advisory Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Letter from Dr. Brian McAllister Requesting Continuing Education Credit - Dr. Williams discussed the "Give Kids A Smile" Program that is being sponsored by the Delaware State Dental Society, on behalf of Dr. McAllister. The volunteers in this program will be providing free dental services to low income children on Saturday, February 5th. Dr. Marier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Williams, to grant one hour per each hour served, to participants of the program.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Hickman-Bowen discussed the need for review of the clinical Dental and Dental Hygiene exams, not only the information dispersed to the candidates, but the packets the examiners use themselves. At the suggestion of Dr. Mercer, two sub-committees were formed. Ms. Hickman-Bowen, Ms. Rust, Ms. Leary, Ms. Mause and Dr. Marier will hold a Dental Hygiene Exam subcommittee meeting on February 10th at 6:00 pm. Dr. Mercer, Dr. Hoopes, Dr. Smith, Dr. Williams and Dr. Marier will hold a Dental Exam subcommittee meeting on March 17th at 6:00 pm. Ms. Wheatley will discuss with Mr. Collins the cost of having the examination validated.

Dr. McClure discussed the status of the dental staff at the Delaware Division of Public Health.

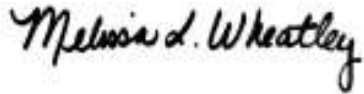
SCHEDULED NEXT MEETING

The Board will hold their next meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room A of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Kirby and seconded by Ms. Hickman-Bowen to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa L. Wheatley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa L. Wheatley, Administrative Specialist II
Delaware Board of Dental Examiners